

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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THE MINISTER AND HIS MESSAGE

(Part Two)
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"Make full proof of thy ministry." 2 Tim. 4:5. "As much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel." Rom. 1:15. According to Eph. 1:12-13 Jesus Christ is not only Himself close to man but He is the perfect expression of God toward man. There is no condition no matter how complicated but what He is able to work. There is no hindering difficulty but what He is able to overcome. There is no suffering, no bewilderment, no crushing defeat, but what He can master. Nothing that man or devil knows can confuse Him.

Let us look for a few moments back into the Old Testament and listen to some of the expressions from those faithful old worthies who stumbled on with expectant eye and hopes that inspired them. Listen to their testimony.

Abraham, pressing on the weary trail that could only be seen by the eye of faith and appreciated with a spirit of trust, cried, The Lord will provide. Gen. 22:8.

Moses, standing on a hilltop in a strange land when he could see nothing but the on rushing army of his enemies and the murmurings of his followers, proclaimed, The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation. Ex. 15:2.

David, when apparently forsaken by men and hiding from the bloody sword of Saul, rejoiced and said, I have set the Lord always before me. Psa. 16:8.

Isaiah, discerning a ray of light in the darkest hour of Israel's history, proclaimed, A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Isa. 32:2.

Jeremiah, standing as it were in the gloomy grotto, sprinkling the sad ashes on his head, the heavy tramping of the armies of Babylon and the crash of his own nation in his ears, looked thru the darkness and said, The Lord our righteousness. Jer. 23:6.

Ezekiel, with his eagle's eye looking beyond every settling gloom, exclaimed, THE LORD IS THERE. Ezek. 48:35.

These men, looking forward to the day when men would be at peace with God thru faith, are only a few and I need not list more of the witnesses from the Old Testament. The New Testament brings all those persistent testimonies and expectations to a universal answer and JESUS stands forth Friend and Savior of every man. Henceforth, we have manifested in the flesh EMMANUEL, God with us. And to show us that in everything we have Him beside us, He understands every problem and is the essential part of every need.

In this hard hitting, industrial ridden day, day of closing furnaces, roaring forges and pounding sledges, hissing engines, straining derricks, grinding wheels, speeding autos, rumbling trains and trucks, question of labor and capital, unemployment, gangland wars, highway robberies, broken up homes, forsaken childhood, toppling governments, industrial competition, we can easily see something is out of harmony between man and man and between God and man. The question of, What is wrong? stands squarely before the king and the slave alike. The wearied women watch out long nights of sorrow and trouble and think in their darkness toward some light some relief somewhere. To all this I as a minister of the Gospel of Christ must be bold to declare my faith in the Gospel as the only solution for the problems that are distressing all mankind. I know the Gospel of Christ is that which will set not only a broken-hearted mother right but if heeded will set this whole world right, for He alone will be able to check wrong and He alone will be able to inspire to good.

Oh that we knew better how to declare such a message! A message that not only declares there is a friend who is able to help, but a friend stands knocking at your door asking to come in!

Who are you? I am a poor woman who has lost the way and has gone all wrong, despised of men and hated of women. Get to Christ, woman. He knows all about you. He had a case the like and worse than yours. Thy sins which are many are all forgiven, go and sin no more, said He. And saying that, He was talking to all such women.

Who are you? I am a thief, sir, condemned in my own heart as well as at the bar of justice. Say, Lord, remember me. And though the affairs of eternity were upon His soul and the pangs of death were upon His body He would take time and stop dying long enough to save a wretch like you.

Who are you? I am a workman and

a tired worn soul. I am wearied at work and strife. I am sick of the turmoil as well as worn at my task. Oh hallelujah! Ho, every worker, and listen, every laborer. Jesus breathed the sweetest words that were ever breathed into the labor question and it will give you the relief that you will not find in the eloquent speeches of political leaders, neither will you read it in the Laborers' Manual. COME UNTO ME ALL YE THAT LABOR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. Oh dear reader, stop reading. Pardon me for interrupting you but I must halt here long enough to shout, HALLELUJAH, and lift my voice to Him in thankfulness.

Who are you? Your clothes are ragged, your countenance is sad. I am a blind beggar, dependent on the alms of the passer-by. I have to take abuse as well as the few pennies. It was for such as you that He brought to a standstill and commanded to be quiet that throng of admirers while walking the road to Jerusalem.

Who are you though you are well dressed and the atmosphere of prosperity seems to blow thy way? I am a rich man with the worry of a crashing stock market ringing in my ears, with many other troubles that the problems of my riches bring upon me. When I possess the fairest of all things this world holds I find no satisfaction in possessing them. Well, come to Jesus. He met one day just such a fine privileged rich man. He would have made that man a power for good that day and would have given him satisfaction for his worry and rest for his trouble had he chosen to follow Jesus. But as it is he chose to be merely a rich man and we have forgotten his name.

Who are you with careworn face and (Continued on page three)

We Need to Stay Close to Jesus

CLYDE, N. C.—Dear saints of God everywhere, greetings of holy love to you. I just want to say this morning finds me with deep settled peace in my soul because I am robed in righteousness, praise the Lord, for I have had my garments washed in the blood of the Lamb and He has given me the Comforter just as He said He would. Oh, how needful at this hour. The Lord saved me when I was only a girl of fourteen years and fifteen years ago He sent Brother E. D. Hopkins, an humble servant of the Most High, to tell me about sanctification and heaven's good Holy Ghost. I at that time thought him very foolish and simple but oh, he was telling me of the very thing I needed. My heart goes out to the poor sinner that is blinded with the things of this world and the professed Christian who has not the Holy Ghost. How the enemy is trying to blindfold them from the truth in these last days. The enemy knows his time is short. We need to cry out to God till He will trouble their sleep at night and cause them to look up to the King of kings and Lord of lords. If there ever was a time we needed to nestle close to God it is now so we can hear His faintest whisper. He doesn't always speak in a loud voice so we need to be close to Him so we can hear all the good things He tells us. Oh, how we need to hear Him at this hour.

The Lord is blessing here in Clyde, N. C. We are expecting great things of the Lord for we know He is able. When we look around and it seems that everything else has failed we can just look and know that God is just the same and knows no failure. Thank God! I surely thank God for the Holy Ghost and for the great Church of God, the old ark of safety. I thank God for the church here and for our pastor, Brother Garland Grooms, and wife. I feel sometimes that they are one of the life boats sent here by God. I feel that they are real fire brands for God. I thank God for Sister Annie Frost who is also here at this time and she is one of the jewels for you can see her shine for God and His church. I thank the Lord for the saints at this place. How we all need to be in one bundle of love and pray for each other at this time. I want you to pray for my unsaved children and pray for me to be humble and stay hid behind the cross. Pray for the church here. We need your prayers. We thank the Lord for our state overseer and wife, Brother and Sister Stephens. They seem so humble and good. I praise God for Brother Latimer, who is so humble and full of love and the power of God. —Mrs. E. C. Bradburn.

The Lord Is Still Blessing

TOWNVILLE, S. C.—The Lord is still blessing in the mountains. We closed a two weeks' meeting at Persimmon, Ga. The Lord surely did bless. Many times the power fell and the saints shouted and talked in tongues and danced. They had a wonderful time in the Lord. The saints were built up and the church edified. Some of the saints said the church had more unity than it had had in sometime. They said this was the best meeting they had had for years. We thank God for the many good homes we found up here. The people were so good to us. We feel like we are just where the Lord would have us be.

We went from there to Clayton, Ga. and ran a week's meeting. The Lord surely did bless. Five were saved, three sanctified. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Some attended that meeting who never had been there before. We had some good people with us and we surely did enjoy them being with us. They told us about reading our Evangel and about it being a blessing to them. We thank the dear Lord for the good people we found at Clayton and for the good homes. The people were so good to us. We want everyone who reads this to pray for us and this work as we need your prayers.—Yours in Him, J. M. Donald, Rt. 1.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE WORKERS ON THE FIELD — THE BELIEVERS MORE THAN CONQUERORS

S. W. Latimer, General Overseer

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" Rom. 8:35.

I have been receiving many letters from the workers on the field telling of the hard struggles, scarcity of food and clothes, in fact, everything that goes to make up our support. I have been praying earnestly that the Lord would help me to encourage them some. It seems from reading Rom. 8:25-39 that it would be impossible to separate from Christ those who are living victoriously in Him.

As a general rule our people are poor, but they are the most liberal people I have ever met, and as a general rule, the most loyal. At a time like this it is perfectly natural that the enemy of all righteousness would try to discourage our people and make them long for different fields of labor, also think about the days of the past when their needs were amply supplied, and in this way discourage and cause them to halt. I feel that we should take new courage. I am sure that the day of deliverance is just ahead and those who will be faithful will receive double for all their sacrifice and suffering in this life.

I wish it were possible that the needs of every one could be supplied, even from Headquarters, but on account of the heavy expenses of the Church in general, and misfortunes of the past, there has not been a surplus accumulated which could be used at a time like this to take care of the needy. If Jesus tarries, we hope some day to be able to have a fund at Headquarters to meet the emergency in time of distress and trouble.

There are many things said by financiers of the government on the relief situation. I am hoping that they will be able to cope with the situation but I am persuaded to believe that this is the hand of God. The wise thing for us to do is to be patient in all the afflictions that come our way, set our

Real Pentecostal Meeting

I am really praising the Lord this morning for victory in my soul, also thank God for the wonderful service we had last night. The Lord wonderfully opened up the windows of heaven and gave us a wonderful blessing. Bless His dear name! The singing was fine. We have a new piano for the church and also had five other musical instruments. The power fell and we had a good testimony service. Brother L. J. Potts was with us and sang some good songs and played his guitar. Brother G. C. Hamby, our pastor, then preached on "God's Spirit does not always strive with man." When the altar call was given nine hungry souls fell in the altar. Two were saved, three sanctified, one received the Holy Ghost and three were added to the Church. We had a real pentecostal meeting. Thank God!

We thank the Lord for sending Brother Hamby here this year, and with the Lord's help we are to stir up Thomsville and the surrounding country and let them know we are serving the same God that the prophets and the apostles served. Saints, pray for the Church of God in Thomsville, Ala. that she will rise and shine. —A sister in Christ, Mrs. M. N. McPherson.

THE EASY YOKE

M. W. Letsinger

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

This portion of scripture was spoken by Jesus and is a direct message to you and me. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for my yoke is easy and burden light. A yoke is a crossbar to which oxen may be fastened by the neck that they may draw a heavy load. All down thru the history of time men have been under heavy yokes. Today many are wearing hard yokes and carrying heavy burdens. The yoke of sin is a hard yoke and those who are under it are having a hard time.

The scriptures say the way of the transgressor is hard. There are many professed followers of Christ today who are wearing hard yokes that are, I am sure, of no profit. They are carrying heavy burdens that are worth nothing to them spiritually.

When I was a child my parents were very strict on me in a religious way and taught me that it was very wrong to do the very least thing on Sunday. They taught me it was wrong to gather chestnuts or apples on Sunday. Many times instead of Sunday being a day of pleasure to me it was a day long and dreary and I did hate to see Sunday come so badly. Many times after the day was over I would lie down with fear and torment because of some little act father and mother had taught me against. I was afraid I would die and wake up in hell just because I had gathered a few chestnuts or apples or had fallen in with other children and played a game of hide-and-seek. All this was because of the way I had been taught. We should be careful what we teach

others and know we are right. We may teach the wrong thing and by so doing cause them to bear a hard yoke unnecessarily.

Not long ago I saw an old man and his son walking the streets of Knoxville, Tenn. The son looked to be in the neighborhood of sixteen years. They both had long hair. The man had long beard but the poor boy had a white fuzz and a few black hairs scattered over his face. They had a sad countenance and a bashful look. Very few people wanted to even speak to them or have anything to do with them whatever. When the man was approached and asked to explain why he wore his hair and beard without having it trimmed he explained that he wanted to be as much like his Christ as he could, and more, he would have to be like Him if he ever got to heaven. He was very much afraid of missing heaven and waking up in hell. The boy let his grow long because his parents made him. As I looked upon them I was made sorry for them because of the hard yoke they were under that was of no profit to them according to my mind.

Some people have been taught that everyone must become a member of their church or they will be forever lost. Many times they are so biased they can hardly be friendly with those who do not believe as they do. Oh the heavy yoke so many are under today!

Jesus said, My yoke is easy and my burden is light. He wants us to consecrate our lives and all to Him. When we do, the yoke and burden will be light. We find some who add to the weight of their burden by allowing religious prejudice to come in. This has caused many hearts to ache and friends to separate. No-religious tolerance has caused good friends to be very bitter enemies. It has been the cause of much blood shed.

I have known parties to carry religious prejudice for years and at the death of their opponent or the one who did not see as they did they would lay it all down and join in with others in believing their neighbor, after all, was a good man and had made it safely thru the pearly gates and was now at rest with the people of God. But think of the yoke and heavy burden that had been unnecessarily borne until death.

Not long ago some parties whom I believe to be good sincere folks and real children of God were attending a religious gathering of their church. After a few days in the presence and under the influence of some of their leaders who were very bitter in their spirit toward us they could not manifest the Christian spirit toward us as they had before they came under the influence of their leaders. The truth of it is, those leaders are like King Jeroboam of old, they know that if the people know the truth their heart will be turned away from them and they will perish, therefore they continue to make their followers believe certain things that they may keep them under the hard yoke.

Jesus tells us that His yoke is easy and burden light. Then if you are having such a hard time, why not come to Jesus. He has promised to help us out.

I feel sure there are many professed Christians who need to make a deeper consecration. If we would do it and let the love of God sweep over us I am sure many of our ideas and opinions would be forgotten forever and we could run up the shining way with greater speed and glory than we have in the past. The Apostle Paul made himself all things to all people that he might be able to win some to Christ. It does not mean that he indulged in that which was not right and wicked, but he adjusted himself to the ways and customs of the people that he might have an opportunity to win some to the Christian faith.

We are in a fallen world, and while we are not of the world and have no communion with the wickedness of the world yet we must always remember that we are kept by power divine and not by our self-righteous acts. Then we should run the race with patience, rejoicing as we go, praying for our enemies and for those who despitefully use us and ever keep free from envy and strife, but keep within our hearts a love for all mankind and a "God bless you" on our lips.

The Plan Of Salvation

Carl Campbell

JUSTIFICATION

Not long ago I was talking with a preacher and he asked me if I believed a sinner had to pray to be saved and I said, Yes. He said, No. So there we were. He said for me to look at St. John 9:31 which reads like this, "Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth." But we find in Rom. 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

(We know we have to be godly sorrowful for our sins before our hearts condemn us for when the Lord knocks at our heart's door that brings conviction to our heart. In one scripture found in Matt. 5:6 we read, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." If we don't hunger and thirst after righteousness, how can we be filled?)

When conviction overtakes us and we begin to cry out to God, we must know then we are on the road to eternal life. Let us notice James 5:15 says, "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." James 5:20 says, "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall SAVE a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins."

I thank God we have the privilege of serving a God that when we call upon His name for help He will come to our rescue, and to know that when a sinner gets tired of sin God will pick him up and comfort his heart and he can rejoice in the Lord.

SANCTIFICATION

There are people who are very sensible and have a very good education who do not believe in sanctification. But in studying the Word of God, we find if we have or get a full and complete salvation we must be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. So then, we have to be sanctified.

Paul said, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Heb. 13:12. Let us notice 2 Thess. 2:13, "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." Paul in writing to the Hebrews, (Continued on page three)

SPECIAL NOTICE

To the Church of God everywhere, greetings. I have had some letters lately inquiring about a measure that they claim was passed at the Elders' Council. Some one is telling that the Council decided that all holiness movements were equally as good as the Church of God in faith and doctrine and that they would have the same chance for the rapture, etc. as the Church of God. I want to positively state that the Council never passed a measure like this. There was nothing passed in the Council that would change our doctrine, tenets, or teachings in any way. The Church of God is to stick strictly to the Bible, and if we fail to do that, we will suffer loss. But we are sticking to the Bible in every respect. I take this opportunity of saying to the churches everywhere, that this statement being circulated is untrue.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIALS

We have just received a nice list of subscriptions to the Evangel from Brother Earl Paulk. He also states that they are in a splendid meeting at Tice, Fla. God is working in a wonderful way.

Let's Be Loyal

LANDO, S. C.—I praise the Lord this snowy winter evening for the way He has blessed me. He surely has supplied my needs this past year. I was pastor of a church. When I took the church to pastor they didn't have any Sunday School, prayer meeting, or lights. The church had had lights but the church had gone down. Most all of the members had moved away and only three members attended. We had some opposition with the pentecostal folks and the old man Smuttie worked against us, but we're praising the Lord because some good seed were sown.

We were glad to have with us for a meeting Brother Bun E. Hicks of Monroe, Va. He preached some interesting sermons on prophecy. He surely had the people's attention. Good seed were sown.

Brother Cashett from Winnsboro was with us for about ten days and preached some soul thrilling messages which were enjoyed by all. I am looking for this to be a candle set on a hill and when it burst forth it will be found at McColl, S. C.

We only had members to attend the church, but praise the Lord we didn't go hungry very much. The people round McColl would bring in the good flour and bacon, beans and milk. We prayed and asked God to supply our needs and He surely did. We have a wife and four children and had to pay \$7.50 a month for house rent. We trusted the Lord all the way thru and preached holiness and the great Church of God.

We are at Lando this year and are looking for this to be the greatest year of the Church of God at Lando. The members are loyal to their church and pastor.

Come on, ministers, in South Carolina, and let's be loyal to the church. Also let's do our very best to see our overseer get his support. I have been knowing Brother Whittington ever since I was saved and found him to be a man of God. We hear Jesus say in Matt. 26:46, Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

Church of God ministers, we ought to behold, open up our eyes because the enemy of the Church of God is at hand. Come on and let us do our best for the church and help our overseer get these twelve churches in the state this year. I believe we can. Don't you? I ask an interest in your prayers that I will be a blessing to the church and community.

Pastors, let us see that the clerks get their reports off the first of the month.—J. H. Daniels, pastor, Box 213.

REVIVAL SPIRIT STILL BLESSING

CHRISTOPHER, Ill.—We are just thru a wonderful revival which began Nov. 30, 1930 and closed Dec. 21, 1930 and was conducted by Brother J. R. Thomas, a man of God. Fifteen were saved. Out of the fifteen saved seven were sanctified and received the Holy Ghost. Some were reclaimed and four were added to the Church of God. God wonderfully blessed the saints. I still have the revival spirit burning in my soul. I love this way. By the grace of God and the aid of the Church of God I intend to make heaven my home. We are thankful for our pastor who is full of spiritual understanding and

Cherokee Indian Gets Salvation

Praise the Lord, I am glad that I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I also praise the Lord that I am a member of the Church of God and intend to go on in His name and work in gospel fields to bring my people into the fold of the Church of God. I am an Indian, being the son of the late Chief Fighting Bull and Princess Dove Woman of the Cherokee tribe of Oklahoma. I was born again and joined hands with the Pentecostal people in 1927 but I was never satisfied there and always knew that I was not living right, so you may well imagine how surprised I was to hear of the Church of God and how the Lord was leading and blessing His people because the Pentecostal church was spiritually dead. I was at first shy and afraid to go to God's house because some of my people cautioned me to stay away from those "fanatics," but the Lord got hold of me and I had to go anyway. At this time Brother L. G. Rouse was holding revival meetings at the Church of God, 73 Wayne Ave., of which Sister Maymie Patterson has charge. When I first visited the church there was such a demonstration of the power of God that I thought the saints were crazy but after attending the meetings a few times I saw my error and knew that I was wrong and repented. Not long after that I had a dream about the Church of God and I knew that the Lord was calling me into His church. Praise His holy name! I fell in the altar Monday night, Dec. 22, 1930, and was admitted into the Church of God. I want to go on with Jesus and work for Him among the Indian tribes.

Saints, pray for me that God will guide me and use me in this great work for the redemption of my people. Amen.—Your brother in Christ, Chief Ekuski Eugene Garvin, Prince of the Cherokee Indians, 713 Oak St., Youngstown, Ohio.

Thank God For Willing Workers

CARLSBAD, N. Mex.—We are glad to report victory in our souls. Since we came back from the Assembly the Lord has continued to bless our labor. We have managed to meet every note due on the building here. The Willing Workers, composed of women and girls, made pies and baked chicken and the Safeway Store permitted them to sell them there. They sold around twenty dollars worth one Saturday before Christmas. They paid the insurance on our building. Thank God for Willing Workers. We had a nice program and dinner and Christmas tree here Christmas. All who attended said it was the best ever had in Carlsbad. We have been having meeting every night since. Seven have already received the Holy Ghost. For all this we thank the Lord in these hard times. God is good to us.

Oh, yes, one more thing! We are urging everyone we can to buy Octagon soap so we can help our Overseer as has requested. Pray for us.—Humbly, thy servant, M. E. Drake, Overseer of N. Mexico.

WE INTEND TO BE A CLEAN CHURCH

I praise the dear Lord for what He has done for me. About six years ago He saved, sanctified, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. I am so glad today finds me one more day closer to heaven. I am a member of the great Church of God, the pillar and the ground of the truth. I intend to stand steadfast and unmovable until He comes or calls for me.

I thank the dear Lord for our pastor, Brother A. R. Willingham, and his family. I believe they were God sent folks to this place. They are trying to do a good work for the Lord.

On Jan. 5, 1931 Brother A. R. Willingham called conference. We intend by the grace of God to be a clean church so the world can see this little church at Porchen, Ark. rise and shine for Him.

Beloved, pray for my husband that He may receive the Holy Ghost. Pray earnestly for me that I will ever be doing my part in the church. If anyone would like to hear from the church at Porchen write to the address given below.—Your sister under the blood, Mrs. Arrie Peeler, clerk, % Porchen Farm, Parkin, Ark.

THOMASVILLE IS PROGRESSING

THOMASVILLE, Ala.—On Sunday night, Jan. 4, 1931, services began in the usual way. We had songs and music by the string band and piano, all of which seemed to take on an extra touch of praise. After a fiery praise service and a few remarks by the pastor the Holy Ghost was in charge and we didn't it rain! Three were converted, two sanctified, and one received the Holy Ghost. Three came into the church. What a wonderful time of music and dancing under the power of God! The church at Thomasville is on the warfare for Jesus and is a soldier for Jesus and a soldier of the cross.—A brother in Christ, Andrew Engle, clerk.

Notices & Specials

T. E. Tiford, Church of God, evangelist, is now holding a revival in Houston, Texas. Prospects for a Church of God are good. Everybody please pray for success. The South needs workers who love not their lives unto death.—John L. Hilburn, 711½ Ave. Preston, Houston, Texas.

To whom it may concern: My address for this year is Rt. 2, Box 2, Kennedy, Ala.—Yours in the Master's will, R. J. Aldridge.

We, the Church of God at Reeds Cross Road, would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual conditions of Clara Sherrill, Nellie Collins Ward, Ruth Loden Newby. Please let us hear by the first of April. Send us your testimony. If you do not, we will have to deal with you.—Dave Reed, clerk, Rt. 1, Box 51, Grandview, Tenn.

To whom it may concern: Graves Chapel's members are requested to be present March 15, 1931 as we will observe the Lord's supper and feet washing. We will observe the same four times this year. Please pray for this district and come this way when the Lord leads.—G. W. Ragin, clerk, Rt. 1, Rives, Tenn.

To whom it may concern: This is to notify our brothers and sisters and many friends of the Church of God that our address for this assembly year will be Milo, Texas.—C. T. Gentry and wife.

My address is changed from Offerman, Ga. to % M. A. Turner's Box, Blackshear, Ga.—J. B. Weeks.

The seventh annual convention of the Church of God, colored work, will convene April 13-19 inclusive D. V. at the Masonic Temple in the city of Knoxville, Tenn.

You will notice the time was previously designated by the sixth annual convention to be the third week in April, 1931, but in order to secure the said place for our seventh annual convention we will have to begin the convention one week earlier.

You are welcome to attend this great spiritual feast we are expecting from the presence of the Lord. I request all who read this to pray a special prayer that the Lord will give us a grand occasion.

I also wish to remind you of our former practices, that each pastor strive to do his best to see that his church is not coming blank. The times are very hard but start in time so that each individual church will have a good report.

I also wish to arouse our faithful orphanage workers to do their bit. Remember Sanford, Fla. was in the lead last year. Don't let her get the best of you this year.

We will also be favored by having our General Overseer, S. W. Latimer, with us, according to the ruling of the Assembly. (See 1929 Minutes, page 24.)—J. H. Curry, Overseer of colored work.

Our church on Fishers Ferry St. was burned about two months ago. The Church of God at Thomasville, N. C. is now on Twenty St. We have a good little place and the Lord is blessing. If any of our preachers feel led to give the Church of God at Thomasville a visit we will be glad to have you. Pray for us here that the Lord will bless and add to our number.—G. C. Collins, Thomasville, N. C.

In looking over the quarterly conference reports, being sent to me, I notice more than five per cent of the churches are failing to report anything on missions. Please don't overlook this any longer. Take mission offerings each week, at the end of each month or quarter. Send one half of it to the state treasurer, L. A. Baker, 107 Hanover St., Weatherford, Texas and the balance to Headquarters. I want each church to observe this and be prompt in every department of the church work.—S. J. Wood, Overseer of Texas.

This is to notify all the churches in our state that we have refinanced our state indebtedness. Our payments from now will be monthly. Each pastor will be expected to take an offering for this once each month and send to L. A. Baker, state treasurer, 107 Hanover St., Weatherford, Texas or let each pastor appoint someone in his church to solicit offerings during the month to send in for this. This matter must not be overlooked.—S. J. Wood, State Overseer of Texas.

I am ready for calls anywhere in Louisiana or Arkansas. Anyone wanting a Church of God evangelist, just send the fare and I am at your service. I stand foursquare for the Church of God.—C. E. Chambliss, Dunn, La.

A business meeting will be held at the Church of God at Crane Eater, Ga. prospering and growing under the leadership of our pastor, Brother G. C. Hamby. He is a real pastor, a real friend and brother. We love and appreciate him and his family. The Lord is also blessing in new fields around here. Please pray for the upbuilding of the church in South Alabama.—J. A. Hunt, evangelist.

the first Wednesday night in February. All the members of the church are requested to be present.—J. L. B. Poarch, clerk.

To the Churches of God in South Carolina: The Church of God at Blacksburg, S. C. met in a business meeting. The church has suggested a plan to help our State Overseer in his expenses. We ask every active church in South Carolina to send at least one dollar to the Overseer as you send in your tithes to him. We believe every church in South Carolina that is active can send as much as one dollar in offerings each month to the Overseer, and some can send more. We do not say just send one dollar but do not send less than that, while you are sending your monthly tithes, to help bear his expenses. Please don't lay this aside but think and pray over it. The Lord will bless a cheerful giver.—Your brothers, Ben T. Sprouse, deacon, L. P. Wright, appointed deacon, Geo. Cooper, deacon, J. C. Childers, pastor, Blacksburg, S. C.

To S. C. churches and pastors: Our State Overseer was over at Lando at our watch night service and preached for us. He left the church about ten-thirty o'clock for Blacksburg to get there for twelve o'clock so he could be in service there. All enjoyed Brother Whittington's message. Oh how we did enjoy hearing him and his two girls and Brother Tharp's girl sing! We are longing for the time to hasten on when Brother Whittington can come to Lando and give us a meeting.

The next thing I want to say is, Let's do something for the benefit of our church, that is, for our State Overseer to be with us more. It helps our church for the Overseer to come around. It encourages the members and makes them want to do more.

Pastors or deacons, will you not make a vow with me? I have already made a vow. On the fourth Sunday in January we want every pastor to take up \$2.00 for our State Overseer. I understand that during the month of December he had to borrow \$25.00. It seems like I can almost hear someone crying out, Hard times. Yes, I know it's hard times and all like that but I am willing to help my brother, especially in the work of the Lord. Some will say, I owe debts. Yes, I owe debts too. If we never try to help send forth the Gospel, how can we expect anything with which to pay our debts. I want to see how many of the churches and pastors will respond to this. I want the State Overseer to write me by Feb. 8 and tell me how many responded. I hope each church and pastor will come on and help our Overseer to get around to our churches. I hope to hear from someone in regard to this plan I have made in behalf of our Overseer and state.—J. H. Daniels, pastor, Box 213, Lando, S. C.

I would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following sisters: Landa Leaper, Harvie Hanley, Marray Dodd, Florence Stansifer, Edna Goodson.—Katie Ellis, clerk, Rt. 5, Dayton, Tenn.

We would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members. Please write us. Margaret Greggs, Nellie Turpin, King Turpin, Lula Strunk.—H. L. Blanton, clerk, Harlan, Ky.

To whom it may concern: Just a word to the clerks of the Churches of God in Florida. Brother R. P. Johnson has appointed me State Treasurer for the mission fund and camp ground also. I want to call your attention to the fact that very often we get post office money orders and checks with no instructions as to which fund it belongs to. Then we have to write the parties to find out where they want this fund to go or which account to credit with the amount. If you will use the cards Brother Johnson had printed for this purpose and be sure to fill them out with the amount in the spaces provided for each fund, then it will be easy for me to make the proper credits. You may get the cards from our State Overseer.—Sam T. Wadsworth, State Treasurer, Wimauma, Fla.

REQUESTS

Pray that the Lord will take swelling out of my feet. I have been a member of the Church of God for nineteen years. I have been lifting up Jesus' name and cannot get tied because He is with me.—Your sister, Elvera Newman, Golden Gate, Coconut Grove, Fla.

Pray earnestly for my husband to be saved and healed if it is the Lord's will. He has heart dropsy but I know the Lord has power to heal. Pray for me to have grace to overcome all things, and pray for my lost children.—Mrs. G. B. Alewine, 1517 Miner St., Anderson, S. C.

Please pray that God will heal me of smothering and trouble with my lungs, also of a goiter. Pray that I will do the Lord's will.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Nellie Wilson, 3017 Miller Ave., E. Chattanooga, Tenn.

Pray for me to be strengthened and pray for my family to be saved before it is too late.—Your sister in Christ, Viola Perilloux, Ponchatoula, La.

Our little girl, seven years old, fell and broke her lower limb in two places Jan. 5. Everybody please pray for her to be healed.—Your brother in Christ, P. H. Garvey, % C. W. Boone's Store, Rocky Mount, N. C.

I ask all of God's children to please pray for my baby to be healed. It has something like the whooping cough. Pray that the baby may be healed so we can go to church. We have just rented a house and have begun working for God. There are not very many of us but God blesses. We want to be soul winners for Jesus. We ask the Church of God people to visit our little church at this place.—A sister in Christ, Martha Linville, Unicoi, Tenn.

Please pray that God will heal my body as I suffer so much with my left limb. Pray for my loved ones who know Him not that they may be saved and that husband and I may be real overcomers and be ready when He should come or call for us.—Your sister, Mrs. E. L. Hicks, Live Oak, Fla.

My health is not so good. I have pyorrhea and my teeth are out of line and my eyes are dim. Please pray for me.—Your sister in Christ, Dallar D. Crews, Rt. 1, Center Hill, Fla.

Please pray for my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Leslie Oliver, Rt. 3, Roxie, Miss.

Please pray that I may be healed and drawn nearer to Jesus.—A sister under the blood of Jesus, Bessie Waters, Mize, Miss.

I have been in bad health for years. Pray for me that I may be healed both soul and body and ever live for God. Pray for my husband that he will give his heart to God and we will have a happy home.—One who wants to be His, Mrs. Willie Dubberly, Blackshear, Ga.

I want everyone to pray that the Lord will completely heal my body. My eyes are very weak and I have never been strong in body. I know God can heal me. Pray that I may grow strong in the Lord. I am the only one in my family who has the blessing. The others do not believe. Pray for them.—A friend and sister in Christ Jesus, Ethel Davis, 902 Elm St., Kansas, N. C.

I request all the dear saints who read the Evangel to pray a special prayer for my mother. She has spells and she doesn't know what she is doing. On Jan. 10, 1931 she burned her hand severely while having one of these spells. She pressed her right hand on the stove with her left hand until it cooked the whole side of her hand from the little finger to above the wrist. Sister and I prayed for the Lord to heal the burn. We promised the Lord if He would heal the burn we would testify thru the Evangel. The terrible pain stopped in a short while and she hasn't had any pain since. Pray for a complete healing of her mind and this terrible burn. Pray that I might be healed of a goiter and that mother will be completely healed.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Loretta Boyd, Summit Point, Utah.

I have an unspoken request. Ask the Lord to bless and undertake for His glory. Fast if you feel led.—Mrs. C. L. Waldron, 1711 E. 14th St., Port Arthur, Texas.

Looking For a Wonderful Year

THOMASVILLE, Ala.—May God bless you all in our prayer. We praise God for His goodness to us. I thank God for the preachers' meeting at Pratt City, Ala. It was wonderful how unity prevailed and the power of God was real to His children. The preachers did some real preaching. We do not want to fail to mention the wonderful singing, especially the Denson Quartet.

I am sure all preachers went away with a greater ambition to do more for God and His church than ever before. I, for one, want to see the state of Alabama go over the top this year, not only here but the church at large.

I praise God for our state overseer, B. L. Hicks. His heart is surely in the work in Alabama. He gave some good instructions at the preachers' meeting. If each church and pastor will do as he asked us, I am sure we will be proud of our report at the end of the year.

Just a word for the church at Thomasville, as we have been placed over this church for this year, I am greatly pleased with the future prospects. The people here are real Church of God people. They love the teachings as the Assembly has them. I feel like we will have a wonderful year in the Lord. We ask an interest in all your prayers. We know God will bless here as well as in the state of North Carolina where we came from. Our address will be Gen. Del. Thomasville, Ala.—Your brother in Christ, C. Hamby.

TRUSTING IN THE LORD

I am praising the dear Lord for giving me the Holy Ghost. I want to praise Him for His healing power. We are trusting in nothing but the Lord in our home. Bless His dear name! I thank Him for our Sunday School. We have just started and have a good school. I ask all who read this to pray for me and my home, that we will live the Word of God. I know if we fail to live according to His Word, we won't

Souls Have Been Blessed

LAKE ODESSA, Mich.—I praise the Lord for the wonderful blessings I have received this past year. In beginning the new year I want to obey. This paper has been a wonderful blessing to me in many ways. When discouragement comes and in times of sickness I have laid this good paper on my body many times and the Lord has done the work. I'm so glad for the faith I have in this paper when we are where we cannot call for folks to come and pray for us.

We have been having special meetings at the Church of God at Sebawa since Christmas. Brother Carl Cook of Pontiac has been doing the preaching. The crowds have not been so large but the Lord sent His mighty power and souls have been blessed for which we thank the Lord. One sister received the wonderful blessing of the Holy Ghost the last night of the old year. On this night my mother was sick. We called for the folks to come and pray for her and the pain left. We can see God never fails, but sometimes we fail to do our part. Dear ones, when you are discouraged look up and pray, ask the Lord to drive the gloom away. Then to do our part we must obey. This is hard to do sometimes but it will pay. I ask you who know the worth of prayer to pray for me that I will be healed entirely. I want to live closer to Jesus this year and be a blessing to some poor soul and help to cheer the sad in heart. Pray for my husband, that the Lord will make him hungry for the blessing of God.—Yours in the Lord, Mrs. J. D. Zaukelles.

Sinners Saved And The Devil Stirred

BRISTOL, Tenn.—I opened fire on the devil at Bristol, Tenn. on Dec. 21 and closed the revival Jan. 4 with twenty-four conversions and some sanctified. Large crowds attended. God surely did bless and the devil was stirred. Pray for me, that I might do the will of God and stay humble.—Your brother in Christ for lost souls, G. W. Helmick, evangelist.

GOD HAS OPENED A TABERNACLE

CHICAGO, Ill.—God has opened a tabernacle for us for which we thank Him. I know the dear saints of this city had no money and God has paid for it. This is not a mission but a tabernacle in a real nice part of the city. There are some to come into this body. If we can get ready we expect to open for God and His glory in January. We want to see souls saved. Get in touch with me. I am the one you can help if it is just by saying from your heart, I am Church of God. This place is 2115 S. St. Louis Ave.—Amelia Shumaker.

God Opened The Doors And Windows of Heaven

PINEVIEW, Ga.—I would like to report victory just now. We had a Christmas meeting. God was with us. We were very much encouraged. Many soul stirring messages were delivered by our pastor, Brother Cobb Dennard. Also Brother J. W. Murray was visiting in the home of Dr. S. R. Mitchell and was invited to preach.

We also had a watch night service. As the old year went out and the new came in God opened the doors and windows of heaven and poured out a wonderful blessing. The church was at the altar, nearly all speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.—Humbly, your brother, W. C. Sheffield.

Experienced a Great Meeting

MORAVIAN FALLS, N. C.—I praise the Lord for victory in my soul. On Dec. 21 we had watch night service and the dear Lord was with us in the beginning. The power fell in a wonderful way. It was one of the greatest nights the people up here have experienced in a long time. The Holy Ghost was manifested in a wonderful way. The saints danced and talked in tongues. There were two in the altar, one was saved and several requested prayer that they might get closer to God. The good people up here in the Blue Ridge Mountains are looking this way. We have been up here almost a year. We have set one church in order and think we will get another one or two this year. We request the prayers of all who read this. Pray for us, that we might go on and do great work for the Lord up here.—North Wilkesboro district pastor, T. C. Wiggins, Pores Knob, N. C., Rt. 2.

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get to go home with Him when He comes after His bride. Pray for our little band here at this place.—Your brother in Christ, George N. Steele, Double Springs, Ala.

THE MINISTER AND HIS MESSAGE

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stooped form? Oh I am a broken-hearted mother staggering thru the dark days of grief. I just lost my only son. The sun seems set forever, the music of life is hushed, the joy of home has departed, and the fragrance of life is gone. Well, mother, you had better make your way to Christ as soon as you can. He has been comforting such as you across the years. He alone can reach thru your sorrow and bring the joy of living again into your soul. He even carried His conquest of death into the grave and through it. He was dead and is now alive forevermore. He has soothed more broken hearts and started a new song in more mute hearts of mourning, brought more actual comfort to human distress, lifted more hope over the graves of this world's dead than all the other combined forces of the universe. Yes, madam, you need JESUS. Seek Him at once.

I have noted these cases to illustrate that Paul knew and you, my fellow minister, may know what he was backed with when he spoke his confidence of this great Gospel, AS MUCH AS IN ME IS, I AM READY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO YOU THAT ARE AT ROME. Rome held the world under her thumb. Righteousness seemed to have no voice, lust ruined and ravaged, the ties of family were scouted, cruelty was a boast, religion was a mockery, no one dared speak. One day a strange figure came trudging along the familiar way, a small prison bleached captive in chains. Little notice was taken of him as only a few despised, undesirable, persecuted friends met him at the three taverns. On seeing them, he thanked God and took courage. His coming was unheralded. No one knew that was one of the world's great days. No one knew that little procession meant more to the world than all the great parades that had passed over this Appian Way. This little man walked slowly but boldly up to the iron gates and he looked at the grinning rock walls that held within their borders slaves of lust and self-indulgence. Here stands a little swivel-necked man with giant faith and perfect trust saying, I am ready to enter, I have a message for you. I don't have to get ready, I AM READY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL. Such boldness, such confidence, all but takes the breath of these who listen. Why, oh why would Paul have the audacity to make such an announcement at this critical hour?

Oh how long will it take me to write just a few things that I see in Rom. 1:15? I dare not stay here longer for I discover in the next verse that which I hope everyone of you may discover, the reason for such boldness, the cause of his calmness.

He was to preach and he was sure of two things: An efficient message, THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION. It is power. And when one knows he has the power to do a thing he takes courage. A man loses hope when he is assigned to a task he cannot perform. If you are out of heart, preacher, you will find your trouble lies in your task being too hard for you. And if your task is too hard, you will find that you are either out of harmony with the Gospel in your personal life or you have lost the vision of its power and doubt your resources. Paul was not afraid his task was greater than the Gospel. He was always sure of God and that is what it takes to inspire confidence. Little matters what the task is if we live to where we can keep clear in our conscience that we have God.

Who would dare measure the little difficulties we have beside the Almighty? Why trouble ourselves about the difficulty which lies ahead? David said, If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. Psal. 139:8-10.

It steadies our courage to be settled in faith. We may need Bible training, we may be suffering from lack of proper arrangement of sermons, we may be embarrassed by the discords in music and song, but of all things there is nothing that needs to be driven into the soul of the ministers of the Church of God more than CONFIDENCE IN GOD, and the only way we will make the world feel the shock of the pentecostal power is for us to have the endowment of God in our lives. We have a strong age to talk to and it gets its strength from sin, but we have a weapon with which to meet this age, the Gospel that is the power of God. Someone has said that we are troubled over the fact that we have creatures of doubt and unbelief born of the parents of intellectual deceit and groveling discontent and we are challenged with all our powers. And I guess he is about right. But the challenge holds no horrors to the man who goes in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel he preaches, and the task is not too great for those who depend upon the Gospel rather than little clap trap methods hatched in the ministerial hatcheries of the theological institutions, all of which may spend their strength and fall with a bitter wail that it cannot be done.

I want to make bold to declare here and now that my faith has never been greater in the Gospel of the Son of God, AND AS MUCH AS IN ME IS, I AM READY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD. There is nothing too hard for the true ministers of God to do (if

they are God's ministers). We are set at the task of preaching this Gospel to all the world and every creature is to hear the message and the One who said, Go, is behind and before us, over and under us. And oh glory be to God, best of all He is in us filling; our being with the same power that He filled Paul with when he said, I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENETH ME. We are foolish to stand idle and cry, I want more power, if we have the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Jesus said that you would receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. So every failure we make we will have to charge it to ourselves for there is no lack of power on God's part. He has given you the Holy Ghost and power then trusts you with a message that He says Himself is the power of God unto salvation.

It is the power of God. We want to do things in a way we can keep that thought before the world. We would feel mean to compare any other method or plan to the Gospel and should be ashamed to stoop to other methods of winning souls. Preach the Word. Preach the Word. Preach the Word. It is power. It is power. It is power, and is the power of God. We were not licensed to just go about and tell men of a good standard of living but to proclaim a message that will turn the world upside down and cause souls to cry for redemption. The sweetest song ever sung is the song of Redemption. This world unhelped is prostrate and despairing under the awful clutches of sin and vice. Hope will only come with the message of Christ.

I read the story of a man lost on the desert. Facing death, starving by degrees, alas, he saw a small package. He said to himself, There simply must be some bread if only a dry crust, and with this hope he dragged himself to the package. With trembling fingers and eager eye he prayed for one morsel of bread. But as he opened it out fell a string of jewelry. Oh the disappointment as the famishing man sank down saying as he fainted, Only diamonds!

Dear ministers, we must stand amid a world more needy of God than any starving desert bound man was ever in need of bread and say to ourselves, God forbid that we as ministers will ever be charged with carrying anything but the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you have outlines, lectures, or sermons that are not brimming full and running over with the Gospel, please go thru your notebook and rid it of same, for you will be foolish, prove untrue to your trust and that a divine trust, should you fail to stand square up to your mission and deliver the full Gospel, AS MUCH AS IN ME IS, I AM READY TO PREACH.

The power of God is our endowment and that is all we need, but we need it all or all that He has designed we should have. And when we can take it confidently, ask for hearing, having the assurance that He will bear witness with signs following. We can ask attention of the church and the world without an apology. We can say with Paul, I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. It was framed at the councils of heaven, brought to earth and first proclaimed by the Author Himself, and backed up by the great heart of God. Paul realized that it was the message for his day. He had nothing else to preach. We need preach nothing else.

Now everyone of us be up and at our mission, face the world with boldness, take hold of your Bible. What have you in your hand? God's message to man. Woe is me if I preach not. Watchman, what of the night? Will the Antichrist come and take those into his ranks whom you should have delivered by preaching to them the Gospel of Christ? or can you truthfully say, AS MUCH AS IN ME IS, I AM READY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION?

We expect to continue to write some concerning the ministry. Please pray for us.

We Received Good Things From God

WAHPETON, N. Dak.—Dear Evangelical readers, greetings to all in the name of our Lord Jesus. We are quite tardy in reporting a most wonderful time with our Lord. A short while ago we closed a revival at this place. Sister Josephine Walker was in charge of the services. She gave us the good Word of Truth with fire from God and He blessed it to our hearts. Three souls went their way thru to the cross and traded their load of sin for one of joy and peace which comes when we are forgiven and begin our walk with God. Three souls received the mighty baptism from God. Brothers and sisters, need we tell you their joy of salvation was multiplied? Glory to God! He also gave us all more courage to press on for He blessed us all. Speaking and singing in tongues, shouts of glory, dances of joy in the Spirit! Can you picture the good things we received? Many still seek God every altar service we have and we're expecting more to be pardoned and be given God's great blessing. We do not see all the good that's been done but know it's much. Three souls have been saved since the revival closed and God is still vigilant over us for He is continually blessing His unworthy ones.

Along with this report we send this plea, pray for us so our little church might be a bright light, shining glowingly in this community that is so beset by the enemy. Pray that we may ever be humble and glorify Jesus by all our acts. Amen.—Unworthy, Gilbert Jinge.

Bible Training School Department

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Endeavoring to Work in Unity of the Spirit

— B. T. S. —

At this time I count it a pleasure to write a few words to the Evangelist to express my appreciation and praise to my Redeemer, the One who has the world in His hand, for the privilege of being back in the Bible Training School. I believe the school gets better every term. I am a booster of the school, also the Church of God Young People's Endeavor. I thank the Lord for it. We have an Endeavor in the school and it is working fine. It is al-

so working in some of the churches and if you don't have one at your church, you ought to. It is just a "young-people-do-something." It builds a wall around our young people and will help to keep the old devil from getting them, it gives them church work to do. I am glad I am a member of the C. of G. Y. P. E. "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4:3. You see we can work in unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace. I need your prayers.—Your little brother in the Lord's service, Colon Dunn, Sumiton, Ala.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE WORKERS

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dent assurance that Christ and the believer's soul are inseparable. The strong declaration of His love is recorded in His Word. We should be careful to keep our faith and victory. Jesus has made it plain that He will not leave us or forsake us, but He has said that in the world we should have tribulation. These outward conflicts and pursuits for support of course are necessary but God is able to take care of His own and I am persuaded to believe He will keep us to the end, therefore, my brethren, be not discouraged but hold on to God for truly the conflict will not last always. We shall have deliverance if we are faithful. Of course it is plainly set forth that we shall have tribulations. Peculiar troubles arising from the different conditions in life can not be avoided but if we overcome, we're made stronger in Him. Being in the most perplexed circumstances, not knowing what to do and where to look, in Him we have confidence and it is through our faith and simple trust that we will be able to be victorious. Of course this present financial condition is bad but He has promised never to leave us and I am confident that we will be delivered. Paul says, "Nor any other creature." Whatsoever has been omitted is in this described. It should never have the least effect if we have been faithful and loyal to His Word and His Church. We shall assuredly be conquerors. The victory is sure, the prize certain. Yea, we shall be more than conquerors through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. Paul speaks of these light afflictions. I am persuaded to believe that the afflictions we are now suffering are but light afflictions compared to the afflictions of the great tribulations that shall come upon all the world to try them. There is hope for the church and those who are living true, that they will be raptured out of this world of trouble and sorrow.

"For thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name," Rev. 3:8b. "Because thou hast kept the words of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." the margin reads "tribulations." Rev. 3:10. I am sure that this refers to the promise of being caught away with the Lord and the escaping of the seven years of awful tribulations. "For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man," Luke 21:35, 36. "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain," Isa. 26:20. I am sure these Scriptures are sufficient proof to prove that after the rapture there will be great tribulations, and it would be an awful thing to be discouraged and idle at the time of the Lord's coming to catch away. Oh, we have testified so many times that we were going through at any cost. May the Lord help us to be faithful.

I received a letter this week from a dear saint of God. She gave an account of a vision that God gave her of the preachers of the church in distress, and as she described it, sitting down and complaining. Jesus came and many went to meet Him but she said many of God's preachers were left here because they were discouraged and failed at the moment when they should have been faithful.

I have travelled almost all over the United States since I have been General Overseer (of course, there are a few states I have not been in) and I have found out that where our preachers are encouraged and will stand for the Church and Her doctrine without murmuring or complaining, the laity of the Church is always faithful. If all the members of the Church of God in the past had paid their tithes into the local treasures, there would have been

Soddy Is Progressing

SODDY, Tenn.—We are starting into the new year with greater determination to press forward to better and more consecrated living for Jesus. Last year was a very prosperous year for the Church of God at Soddy, Tenn. Our Sunday School was improved very much under the supervision of Brother Legg and by the help of the Lord. The Lord has certainly blessed this church in spite of all the devil has done. We have a young men's class of twenty on roll and a few visitors every Sunday. The young ladies' class numbers about thirty-five regular attendance. To speak of the Sunday School in general, I will be safe in saying we have the best and most interesting one in Soddy. We have seven classes and every one does his or her part to make the thing worth while.

Brother D. A. Bell is with the Church of God again and is doing a wonderful work in putting the singing over. We are using Mr. Jas. D. Vaughan's 1931 song book and Brother Bell knows just what to do with it. Men with a talent like Brother Bell are a blessing and inspiration to any church. We are glad to have him with us.

Brother Claude Newman is our pastor. He is a young fellow, but can preach the Word of God in a way that will stir his congregation. We are praying for his future to be successful and for him to be a great man in the service of the Lord.

We have Sunday School every Sunday morning at nine-thirty o'clock, preaching immediately after, song practice at two o'clock, and worship at six-thirty o'clock. We have prayer meeting every Wednesday and Saturday night at six-thirty o'clock. We generally have more people out with us than our little house will hold, but they are good natured people and stand in the aisles and in the door and seem to enjoy the entire service from the first song until the last amen.

There are lots of unsaved folks here and we desire the prayers of every Christian man and woman that these who are unsaved will forsake sin and get on the firing line for Jesus. Many of them are good singers and attend church and Sunday School regularly. God can use them to His glory if we will just be faithful and live the right kind of a life before them. Each and everyone can do something for God.

I earnestly desire the prayers of all for my own spiritual welfare, that I will ever press onward and always live a clean life before God and man.—Your brother in Christ, Paul Johnson.

enough money in the treasuries to have taken care of emergencies up to this time, I am sure. But I tell you, some have been loyal and true while others haven't done practically anything. Now the Lord is faithful and He is sure to reward those who have been faithful and true. Below I am giving a few Scripture references and if you will read them, I am sure they will be encouraging to you.

John 10:27, 28; John 15:10-14; 2 Tim. 1:12, 13; Rom. 14:8; Matt. 25:31 to 46. This last reference in Matthew has reference to the kingdom judgment and the separation of the sheep and goat nations. This will take place after the seven years of tribulation, but I am persuaded to believe that those who are faithful and contribute to the needs and necessities of God's children will certainly be rewarded. There is sure to come a twofold separation. First, we will be caught away with Jesus and those servants who have failed will be left, the righteous will be separated not only from the world but from the wickedness thereof and even in this kingdom judgment the goat nations will be separated from the sheep nations. The sheep nations will enjoy the millennium for a thousand years while the goat nations will be confined in a place of torment. Oh, I want to be faithful, I want to say with Paul that nothing will be able to separate me from the love of Christ.

I have been thinking I would like to write a personal letter to all who are discouraged but not knowing who they are, I hope this piece will be an encouragement to you. May the Lord help us to be faithful until we will be with Him where all trials will be over and we will enjoy the bliss of heaven with Jesus and our loved ones.

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

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2:11, said, "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren." "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied." 1 Pet. 1:2. We see in this scripture we are sanctified thru Jesus' blood.

1 Tim. 4:11 says, "These things command and teach." Then if you don't command them, how are you going to teach them? And if you are not sanctified, how are you going to command and teach them? Some people think or say that when the apostles died TONGUES and GIFTS and SANCTIFICATION and the HOLY GHOST stopped. I'll tell you, beloved, if we get as close to the Lord and pray and live as we should, God will give us these gifts which are spoken of in 1 Cor. 12. Some people say it was only for the apostles, but Acts 2:39 says, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

By studying the scriptures, we see sanctification is for us and to anyone who will accept it for Jesus said in Rev. 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

HOLY GHOST

There are so many people who do not understand the plan of salvation, and there are some who do not want to understand it. But take a man or woman who wants what God has for them and wants the love of God in their hearts, he is the one who gets the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:1-4 says, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." We find when we get the Holy Ghost we get the witness which is other tongues.

We find Acts 1:8 reads like this, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." We find the Holy Ghost is not just in one or two places in the world, but in all parts of the world. Acts 5:32 reads, "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." In this scripture we see we must obey God in order to obtain the Holy Ghost. Then we must continue to obey Him in order to receive the gifts. Let us let God have His way and just be limp in His hands and let the Holy Ghost have His way and God will bless us and will do great things thru us.

BAPTISM

Some denominations or rather organizations surely are ignorant of water baptism. They seem to think all a sinner has to do is jump in the water and confess their sins. Let's notice Eph. 4:5 says, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." John says, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." Matt. 3:11.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." St. John 3:3-5.

The scripture saith, "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water." St. John 19:34. Surely this blood and water that came out of Jesus' side is enough to convince us that it is the blood that flows from Jesus' side that washes us whiter than snow.

Referring to water baptism, we are "buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." Col. 2:12. Then water baptism represents death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. We are not saved by water, but we are saved by grace.

In St. Luke the scripture says, "Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham, our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham."

We see in this scripture John would not baptize the multitude. Why? For the simple reason they were not worthy of being baptized. John told the multitude to bring forth fruits worthy of repentance. We see we must bring forth fruits worthy of repentance and that is to say we must be saved before we are worthy of being baptized.

TIME TO AWAKE AND PRAY

ERWIN, Tenn.—I praise God this evening for everything He has done for me. I thank the Lord for letting me live thru another year. I have a deeper determination to go on.

About four years ago the Lord saved my soul and sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for it all. The Lord has healed me many times.

I praise God for His church at Rock Creek. The children of God are on fire for Him. We had a revival a few days ago. The Lord surely did bless. Eleven were saved, twelve sanctified, and seventeen were filled with the Holy Ghost. Ten came into the church at the close of the revival and two were baptized.

Brother Sealf is our pastor this year. He surely is a worker for the Lord and is interested in lost souls. We had watch night service. The Lord blessed wonderfully. One was baptized with the Holy Ghost and two came into the church. We can't praise God enough for His blessings.

I was once a holiness fighter and said awful things about God's people, but I praise God because I belong to the Church of God now. I want to see all the holiness fighters have to fall on their knees and cry out to the Lord just like I had to do. They will wish they hadn't fought God's Word. They will be crying for the rocks and mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of God. It is time for every saint to wake up and go to praying as they never have prayed before for God to bring the lost ones to the fold. Many are going astray.

I praise God for healing my little sister the other night. She was very sick and mother prayed for her. The Lord spoke to her in a vision or dream and said her baby was healed. I praised God she was healed. The Lord can do great things if we will only believe. I want everyone to pray for me to stay humble.—(Miss) Gertrude Miller, Rt. 1, Box 108.

Matt. 28:19, 20 teaches, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

I heard of a man who went to a certain church. After the services the speaker said, Everybody who wants to go to heaven stand up. Everybody stood up. In a minute the speaker came around and asked him when he wanted to be baptized. The old fellow said, Get away from here, I am not fit to be baptized. That shows us we must bring forth fruits worthy of repentance. Jesus said when we did that He would be with us always even unto the end of the world.

CHURCH OF GOD

We notice in recent years there has been quite a bit of confusion about different churches or denominations as to which is right. We find if we have a true salvation, we will be led of the Spirit and it will lead us toward the Church of God.

Acts 20:28 says, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." We see by the reading of the scripture that Jesus is the Son of God. We find Jesus purchased the church of God with His own blood. We find in 1 Cor. 1:2, 3, "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place * * * from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

I was talking with a preacher a few months ago. He had found out thru someone else that I belonged to the CHURCH OF GOD. He asked me about it. In fact, I was working for him. He seemed to think the Church of God and the Church of Christ were the same. I told him, No, that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, but he still thought different from me.

We read in 1 Cor. 10:32, "Give none offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God." "For I am the least of the apostles, because I persecuted the church of God." 1 Cor. 15:9. Friends, we should not persecute the Church of God. We should hold it and its name up wherever we may be.

We find again in 1 Tim. 3:15, "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." We see the Church of God is the pillar and ground of the truth and we should by all means honor and respect and be proud of the Church of God.

Matt. 16:18 says, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." We can plainly see this in the Church of the living God we read of in 1 Tim. 3:15.

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Obituaries

SCOGGINS

On July 1, 1930 Joe Scoggins, son of Lenard and Carrie Scoggins, departed this life. He was converted at the age of twelve years and lived a faithful Christian life the rest of his days. He was a member of the great Church of God. Uncle Joe was born May 6, 1900. He was killed in the coal mines at Kitts, Ky. at the age thirty years, one month, and twenty-five days. He leaves to mourn his sad departure a wife, one daughter, one son, father, five sisters, two brothers, one grandfather, one grandmother and many other relatives and friends. He has a mother, two brothers, and one son gone on before. His funeral was conducted by Brother Curtis and Brother Bryant and his body was laid to rest in the Grasshopper cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. It is sad indeed for his wife to face this world alone. All who read this please pray for her that she may hold out faithfully to the end. She is a member of the Church of God. He is missed by the family and church. — His niece, Nannie Mae Scoggins, McDonald, Tenn.

COX

On Jan. 4 the death angel visited the home of W. D. Cox of China Grove, N. C. and claimed his wife for his victim. She was fifty-two years old, a member of the Church of God at Kannapolis and baptized with the Holy Ghost. She left a testimony that she was not afraid of death but would welcome it as her suffering was so great. Mary has gone on to be with Jesus where she will suffer no more. Her funeral was conducted by the writer and her body laid in the Green Lawn cemetery to await the resurrection. — J. M. Snyder.

MARTIN

On Dec. 28 the death angel visited the home of H. C. Martin and claimed as its victim his mother, Mrs. F. J. Martin, age seventy-three years, five months, and two days. She suffered a long time with heart dropsy but bore her suffering with patience. Everything was done that loving hands could do but God looked down and said, Enough, and called her home. She told all she was ready to go. She leaves two sons, two daughters, twenty-nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and a host of friends. She was laid to rest in the Caraway cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. From this earth you have been asleep. But in Christ you have fallen asleep. Tho' when we think of your absence We cannot help but weep. — Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. R. R. Martin, Box 233, Caraway, Ark.

CREEMENS

Elmer Creemens, son of Brother and Sister J. B. Creemens of Junction, Ill., was born Dec. 21, 1905 and died at East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 16, 1930, age twenty-four years, eleven months, and twenty-five days. He leaves to mourn his death a father, mother, three brothers, and five sisters. He professed a hope in Christ in his last hours. Funeral service was conducted in the First Baptist church of Junction by the writer. — T. J. Milligan.

STOUT

Great sorrow was cast upon the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Stout, Jr. when the death angel claimed for its victim their darling little baby, Ina Marie, born Dec. 25, 1930 and died Dec. 27, 1930. It saddened our hearts to give it up but we know our loss is heaven's gain. She leaves to mourn her departure a father, mother, two sisters, two brothers, four grandparents, other relatives and a host of friends. The funeral was held at the home on Dec. 28, 1930 conducted by Brother W. R. Anderson, pastor of the Church of God at Chauncey, Ill., and the body was laid to rest in the Chauncey cemetery.

No stain was on her little heart,
Sin had not entered there
And innocence slept on
That pale white brow so fair.
—Her aunt, Alta Richey.

MILSAPP

The death angel visited the home of Sister J. R. Milsapp on Jan. 2, 1931 and claimed for his victim her baby boy, James R. Milsapp. He was eleven years of age. He was deaf and dumb. All was done for him that loving hands could do but the Lord saw best to take him. His mother is a member of the Church of God in Phenix City, Ala. The funeral was preached by Brother W. L. Lunsford and the body was laid to rest in the Pine Grove cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

A loved one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.—A friend to the family, M. G. Barfield.

ELLIS

Otis W. Ellis, born Aug. 8, 1899, died Dec. 14, 1930, age thirty-one years, four months, and eight days. He is survived by his wife, three sons, father, mother, seven sisters, four brothers and many other relatives and friends. He also had one sister who

preceded him to the glory world. He was saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost in early life and united with the Church of God until his death. He was ordained as deacon in the Church of God about four years prior to his death. It was hard to stand by and see him suffer so much, but we feel so thankful for the testimony he left with us, that he was ready to go. As we stood around the casket, viewing for the last time his body here on earth, we were reminded of the glorious coming of our blessed Saviour when the dead in Christ shall rise first and we which are alive and remain here shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air. O blessed day! The funeral service was conducted by Brothers Zeno C. Tharp and B. L. Hicks.

With friends on earth we meet in gladness
While swift the moments fly,
Yet ever comes the thought of sadness
That we must say good-bye.

How joyful is the hope that lingers
When loved ones cross death's sea,
That we when all earth's toils are ended
With them shall ever be. — A brother, E. M. Ellis.

TYLER

On Monday night, Aug. 18, about nine o'clock the dear Lord permitted the death angel to come into our home and take away our dear husband and father. Oh, how sad and lonely without him! He was a kind, loving husband and father and every one that knew him loved him dearly. He was saved, sanctified and was full of the Holy Ghost and belonged to the Church of God. He was forty-four years of age. We miss his prayers every night and how we do miss him at the table but we have to say, "Thy will be done." His prayers could be heard all over the place for he was a man that prayed without ceasing. We miss him so much in the church for he was a power there. He gave out so many messages in tongues and everybody was always glad to see him fill his place, but it is vacant now and how our hearts ache since John went away. Our loss is heaven's gain. He told us before he departed this life that all was well with him and the Lord gave him many wonderful visions. He trusted the Lord for ten years with his body as he was afflicted for ten years. The dear saints came far and near and waded mud to pray for him and all was done for him that loving hands could do but God saw best to take him out of his suffering. He had cancer of the stomach. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Beard in the Church of God at Lanius and his body laid to rest in the Dodd City cemetery. He leaves a wife, four boys and one precious little girl.

There's a great big place in our home
Sweet home
That no one seems to fill,
It is the place where John used to be
But now it's quiet and still.

"So we'll strive to live the life he lived,
To be Christ-like every day,
So when Jesus calls us home to live
His presence will brighten our way."
—His loving wife and children, Mrs. John Tyler.

LISLE

On Dec. 21 the death angel visited the home of Mr. Ernest Lisle and claimed for his victim his loving wife, Mrs. Ova Lisle. She had been a patient sufferer for about two years. She was saved, sanctified and baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God. We visited her home many times and saw the power of God play on her body and brighten her smiles as we would pray with her. On the night she passed away we were called to her home twice to pray for her and the last time we prayed we got wonderful victory and were made to know that her deliverance was very near. God wonderfully gave her strength to talk to her folks and warn those who were unsaved to prepare to meet her in Glory where suffering will be no more. She leaves to mourn a father, mother, husband, a baby son, three brothers, two sisters and many relatives and friends. All was done for her that loving hands could do but God saw best to call her home to Himself. We weep not as those who have no hope for we are expecting to meet Sister Ova on the sweet shores of deliverance where partings will be no more.

Not for the dead in Christ we weep,
Her sorrows now are o'er,
The sea is calm, the tempest past
On that celestial shore.

Her peace is sealed, her rest is sure,
Within that brighter dome;
Awhile we weep and linger here,
Then follow to that home.—Her pastor, J. C. Coats, 106 Hanover St., Weatherford, Tex.

SCOGGINS

On Dec. 25, 1930 our little darling Luther James departed this life to be with Jesus. He was born May 26, 1930 and would have been seven months old the next day. He leaves to mourn his death a mother, father, three sisters,

three brothers. One brother has gone on before. Brother Bryant conducted the funeral at the home Friday afternoon, Dec. 26, and its body was carried to McDonald and laid beside its little brother Saturday morning, Dec. 27. It was hard to give him up but God's will be done. He is gone but not forgotten.—His sister, (Miss) Nannie Mae Scoggins, McDonald, Tenn.

PASSMORE

The death angel came into the home of L. H. Passmore on Jan. 3, 1931 and claimed his wife, Mrs. Mattie Passmore. We weep not as those who have no hope for we know our grandmother is heaven's gain. She professed salvation several years ago and joined the Methodist church but in later years as she followed on to know the Lord she saw the light on the Church of God and there lived and loved the church until the end. She trusted God to the end. A few minutes before passing away she said she was wholly resigned to God's will. Many prayers were prayed for her and the dear Lord touched her body many times, but He saw best to take her out of her sufferings to the great city of God. She leaves to mourn her death two daughters, four sons, and other relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by Brother Cooley and Q. L. Madden and her body was laid to rest in the Honeapath cemetery.

Dear mother you have left us,
We know that life was brief;
But how your leaving pained us,
It filled our hearts with grief. —One who loved her, her granddaughter, (Miss) Marguerite Jones, Waterloo, S. C.

AUTEN

On Dec. 24, 1930 the Lord called our dear Brother Samuel Auten home to rest. Brother Auten is the father of the two Auten children who attended Bible School, Miss Pearl and Willie. Brother Willie was our missionary to the Bahamas. Brother Auten was converted during his illness. The funeral was conducted by the writer, C. M. Dunn, West Gastonia, N. C.

Dear children, remember father and don't forget his prayers,
And when we are gathered together
Yonder, you can be with me there.

THOMAS

On Dec. 19, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Brother J. F. Thomas and claimed for its victim his wife, Cloia Thomas, age thirty-eight years. Her suffering was great but she bore it with patience. All was done for her that loving hands could do but God saw best to call her away from this world of sorrow to a beautiful land where no sickness nor death ever comes. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, three sons, four daughters and a host of friends. The funeral was conducted by Brother Scott and the writer, C. M. Dunn.

TIME IS SWIFTLY PASSING

FT. MYERS, Fla.—I wish to praise the dear Lord thru the Evangel which means so much to me. I have been a reader of it for more than ten years and it has brought blessings to my soul. I thank the Lord this morning for keeping me thru another year and I have victory. Joy thrills my soul. I have just read Brother John L. Stephens' Christmas message. He asked God to bless every member in his state with the Spirit and fellowship that he felt as he was writing. Although I am not in North Carolina my soul feasted on this good message of love and the Holy Ghost witnessed sweet fellowship. I do want to draw nearer and redeem the time for God who has done such wonderful things for me. A prayer answering Savior is He.

I must mention our sisters' meetings here. We meet at the church Wednesday afternoons and in the home of one of the sisters Monday afternoon and God so wonderfully meets with us. There is dancing, speaking in other tongues, messages, interpretations given and healings. God is honoring our prayers. We are now praying for a great revival to start here in a few days. We have a chain of prayers. Most every member has a link in this chain. Each one prays one half hour. My time is from 2:30 till 3:00 o'clock in the morning and I enjoy that hour of prayer. I most always wake an hour before time to pray. I begin praying and the time swiftly passes. I believe we are swiftly passing thru this life to our destination. I want to go to heaven and reign with Jesus who has so sweetly cared for me thru life and guided me over the rugged path. My prayer is, "O God, purge my heart of anything that would deprive me of a home in heaven." My heart goes out for lost souls. I can't express my love for Jesus and the hunger in my heart to lift Him up and in the end inherit eternal life. All who read this please pray for me to be an overcomer, also pray for my unsaved loved ones.

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The church our blessed Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God;
Her walls before thee stand
Dear as the apple of thine eye
And graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be given
Till toils and cares shall end.

Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today And Forever

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Eccl. 12:1.

I praise the Lord for this great salvation that will keep the young folks satisfied as well as the old. While the world is in such an unrestful condition, people doing everything imaginable to find rest and peace, thank God, the children of God can have that perfect peace that God promised us if we keep our minds stayed on Him. Truly it is wonderful to me how the Lord has kept me for six years in spite of the trials of life with which the devil has tried me. I am able to report victory in my soul this morning. I find by my own experience that the trials we meet only make us stronger in the Lord if we stand true. And no matter how dark the way seems to us, Jesus, the Captain of our salvation, is always very near and ready to fight our battles for us. Surely I would be the most miserable creature in all the world were it not for the presence of the Lord in my soul. As I enter this new year I want to consecrate my life to God more fully and be a better worker for Him than I have ever been. I can look back over the past of my Christian life and see so many opportunities I have let pass when I could have done more for the Lord. Oh, if there ever was a time the children of God needed to shine for him it is in this evil day. Something seems to say to me that the night is soon coming when no man can work. I do want to spend my life for Jesus and be a faithful soldier and always be found doing my best for Him. I do not know what the future holds in this life nor what I will meet before I get to the end of the way but I am persuaded to believe that neither life nor death, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come can separate me from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.

I just want to say a few words in behalf of the Y. P. E. I think it is a great work in the Church of God. We have been organized only a short time but God is blessing our efforts for Him in a wonderful way. We have a good president. She is in the young people's work with her whole heart and we have some young people here who are willing workers and cooperate with her in every way they can. Young folks, let's be true to God and do our best for Him. If Jesus tarries, the older men and women will soon step off the stage of action and it will be left up to us to carry on the work of the Lord in this world. I am sure it will mean a lot more than most of us think it will and we will need to consecrate our lives to God so He can work thru us and accomplish His will in our lives. We are also proud of our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Asher. They are both good preachers and are in the work with their whole heart. I think about twenty-two have received the Holy Ghost since the new church year began, just in the regular services. The power of God is falling in Ft. Worth in the old time way and we are expecting a great year of success for the church here. Brother and Sister Asher are great boosters for the young people's work. They are a blessing to us and we appreciate the interest they take in our work. Pray for us here, we want to be loyal to God and His church and see the work grow and prosper and we will, if we pray as we should, because Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. He said if we would abide in Him and His words abide in us, we could ask what we would in His name and He would grant it unto us. Are we abiding in Jesus? If so, let's ask Him for great things and when we ask, believe.—Lorene Pendleton, 1513 South Adams St., Ft. Worth, Tex.

GOD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS

ANNISTON, Ala.—I praise God this morning for old time salvation I can feel just now. I am truly glad for the Church of God at this place. She is on fire for God. I can say with Daniel, God has done great things for us whereof we are glad. It used to be so dry when we went to church but we kept looking to God until the power fell in the old time way.

Only a few of us stood true for the church and her teachings. We surely were glad when God sent Brother Hall back. He was surely needed here. Brother and Sister McGee did their best and it seemed like the church just would not get up or it was up and would not get down on its knees and stay until God undertook. God bless Brother McGee for his labor here.

We ran a revival Christmas. The Lord surely did bless. Brother Hall put out some red hot gospel and it surely did take effect. Nine received the Holy Ghost, seven were sanctified, and fifteen came into the church. We are moving on for God. Pray for me that God will have His way. I intend to press the battle for Jesus no matter what the cost may be.—Your humble sister, Emma Newman, 222 W. 17th St.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.—Sel., Mrs. J. E. Goodson.

Mission Department

Material for this department should be mailed to Zeno C. Tharp.
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THE MISSION CAUSE

E. M. Ellis

Now if every pastor in the Church of God should be called on to answer this question out loud so everybody could hear it, I am afraid some would blush. There are so many who say, "I believe in working at home, there is plenty to do here." That is true; there is plenty to do all around us, but I have noticed one thing, and I think it is sufficient proof—Those churches and ministers, pastors and evangelists, who are working hard for the cause of missions are doing the most good in the home land. The more we do for God the greater blessings we get. When we lose interest in missions we are losing interest in God. Many are saying today that services are not what they used to be, the power of God doesn't fall like it once did. Brother, if you will take stock, I think you will find the trouble. If you want to move out for God, begin to do something for Him and see if things don't brighten up a little.

I have before me a record of the Roman Catholic statistics for 1929, which shows the number of 341,430,900. The number in North, Central, and South America was 109,097,000; Europe, 208,882,000; Asia, 16,536,900; Africa, 5,330,000; Australia, 1,585,000. Brother, I ask the question again, What are you doing for the missionary cause? If the Roman Catholics can build up an organization of 341,430,900 members who are depending upon priests to intercede for their sins, what might we do in representing to lost men a Christ,

that can save from sin all that come to Him! Look what we have to back us, God will stand by those who stand by His cause. Don't be afraid of starving to death, our God shall supply your needs.

Then again I notice from good authority that many of our own country, especially in the rural districts, are becoming concerned about the cause of Jesus Christ. I will just give a quotation from the Herald of Holiness: "According to an open letter addressed to the Congress of Home Missions by the Baptist, forty thousand country churches are failing. Fully as many more are feebly attempting to stem the tide of indifference and unconcern. Twenty-five thousand rural churches have already been closed. Only fifteen million out of a rural population of fifty-one million ever attend church." Brother, sister, there is plenty of work to do. While the black vamps of infidelity and skepticism are spreading their wings over this world, let us rally to the front of the battle, unfurling the blood stained banner of Christ the Lord, fulfilling the mission He left for us, PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL THE WORLD. I pray God to touch every heart that knows Him and get the mission cause before you in such a way that you will help in some way to carry the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. Some are helping, thank God for every one of them. May God bless you all.

Good Prospect For A Church

I still have a determination to go thru with my King. Three years ago in February as Sister Helen L. Morrow was giving out the Word I felt that I was getting my last call and I fell in at the altar and the dear Lord wonderfully saved me. On the following May 5th I received the sweet Holy Ghost. We left Ravenna, Ky. where wife and I belong to the church and went into a new field to make our home. We began to tell the people about God and some have been saved and sanctified and some filled with the Holy Ghost. One got saved last night and said he wanted to be baptized and join the Church of God. Sometime ago the Lord got hold of a man's heart and he came to me and said, Let's you and I build a church house. Of course I could not help but say yes, and we have a nice little church house 28x40 on a nice lot but the house is not quite finished, however we have been having prayer services in it, also preaching services when a preacher would come this way. The house would be filled to its capacity and lots on the outside. We also had a very nice Sunday School when the weather was warm. I don't believe there is a better prospect in the state for a church and I would like to see some good man like Stephen, full of the Holy Ghost, who is willing to make a sacrifice for the Lord, come this way and take care of the work or run a revival. We have a four room house a little over a mile from the church and a garden and land for other crops if he wants it. The house is on a gravelled road. We have asked one brother to come but have not heard from him. If anyone wants any reference regarding me and my family, write any one at Ravenna, Ky., Mable Hatcher, G. A. Fore, or J. A. Muncy. This morning finds me still enjoying the blessings of the Lord. All who read this pray that the Lord will send someone this way. We are in the Somerset district but I don't know who the overseer is but would like to know him.—Your brother in Christ, Conner Bryant, Soloma, Ky.

A WONDERFUL REVIVAL

A wonderful revival is now going on at Lacoochee, Fla. with Brother Roland Sanders doing the preaching. The Lord is wonderfully blessing. The meeting has been going three weeks. The altar is filled with seekers every service. Several have been saved, sanctified and six have received the Holy Ghost. Brother Sanders surely preaches under the anointing of the Holy Ghost with a few good praying saints to back him up. This place has been called a hard place as so many different kinds of doctrines have been preached here but God saw fit to send the right preacher this time to hold a revival. Every one please pray for the meeting. Pray that there might be a Church of God set in order at Lacoochee, Fla. Also please pray for the church at Dade City. Our band is small and we haven't a pastor yet but are praying that the Lord will send someone to pastor here.—Humbly in His service, J. L. Huffstutler, Dade City, Fla.

My Heart Hungers To Be With The Saints

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla.—I want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Lord for His goodness and kindness to me throughout the past years and for His great plan of salvation that keeps us sweet all the time. Bless His dear name forever! There's no Church of God at this place and this is a ripe field. I believe if the right party would come here and conduct a meeting they would do well, but it will take a God-sent man or men. Please pray for the Lord to send someone here with a tent, someone to sing and a musician. If someone sees this and the Lord puts it on your heart, please come, some evangelistic party, as it's a needy field.

We were down at Linden five weeks ago at a meeting which Brother F. A. Hubbell was conducting. It surely was a fine meeting. It's sixty miles from here but we enjoyed being with the children of the King.

I ask everyone of you to please pray for me for I am away down here where I can't go to church and worship with God's children.

I love the Evangel so dearly for it's so much comfort to me and gives me soul food when I am so lonely. Oh how my heart hungers to be with the saints of God! I see so much sin and so many so unconcerned about their souls. The devil has them blindfolded. I want to see them free.

When you go to church remember your poor little lonely sister who does not have the privilege of going as you do and pray for me and this place. Pray for my family. I have four little children who need your prayers, and also a husband and two grown children. Please remember us and ask the Lord to send someone here with a tent.

I am a member of the Church of God and love all her teachings and government. I want to be ready and worthy when Jesus comes. I feel like it's just a little while to linger, just a little while to wait, just a few more trials in this low and sinful state.—An humble sister, Mrs. J. H. Arline.

Have Just Received Holy Ghost

I praise the Lord for real salvation and for the dear old Church of God of which I am a member. I am a girl of fourteen years and just received the Holy Ghost on Dec. 21, 1930, for which I praise the Lord. On Jan. 3, 1931, V. W. Blankenship, our pastor, held a church conference and the work went on in order with great love. On Sunday night the 4th our pastor brought forth the message on taking the Lord's supper and feet washing, and nineteen of the brethren and sisters received it with gladness of heart. The power of God hovered over the congregation. There was shouting and praising God and speaking in tongues until it seemed like heaven. The Church of God at West Lynchburg is coming to the front. Pray for me, that I will be found faithful and true at all times.—Your sister in Christ, Miss Clemma Blankenship, 101 S. Rockbridge St., Lynchburg, Va.

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